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Serial No. To Be Assigned)
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For: Exchange Coupled Film Having Improved)
Current-Carrying Reliability and Improved)
Rate of Change in Resistance and)
Magnetic Sensing Element Using Same)

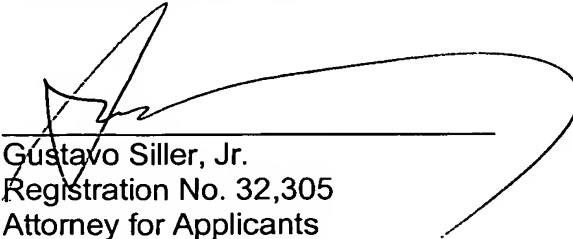
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are certified copies of priority documents Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2001-042908, filed February 20, 2001, and 2001-081820, filed March 22, 2001 for the above-named U.S. application.

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